

SEGUIN ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 28, 2013

The Seguin Animal Services Advisory Committee met in regular session on March 28, 2013 at 12 p.m., in the Police Department training room. (NOTE: The meeting was originally scheduled for March 21, 2013; however, due to a quorum not being present, the meeting was rescheduled for March 28, 2013.)

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call. (Bold indicates an appointed member)

Present:

Dodgen, Donna
Fennel, Cathy
Lewis, Leah
Watson, Maureen

Absent:

Burris, Pam
Campaigne, Bill

3. Hearing of Residents.

Captain Watson informed the ASAC Board of some concerns with the recent conduct of some of the local rescue organizations. The following concerns were addressed:

- a. The fact is not all animals are given rabies vaccines because not all animals are adoptable. It is not fiscally prudent to do so and it is ultimately the responsibility of the person who adopts the animal. Those animals that are deemed adoptable and presented at events are given the vaccine as a public service.
- b. We do not have the luxury of turning any animal away because it is unadoptable. Even local “no-kill” shelters have to face the difficult euthanasia question each day; however, they simply bring that animal to the City.
- c. Recently, the City was awarded a grant through *PetSmart Charities®*. It has been brought to our attention that rescue groups have been circumventing the “owned dog” rule by sending in City residents who request four vouchers for their dogs. The “resident” then hands the vouchers over to the rescue group who use them for their foster animals. This is clearly fraudulent.
- d. Lastly, rescue groups are insistent upon placing their volunteers in our shelter. This is problematic because we do not want untrained people interacting with animals that come from questionable backgrounds, many of which are wild or aggressive. In addition, because the risk of rabies is ever-present, we will require that all volunteers have pre-exposure vaccinations. These injections are extremely costly and many people will be unable to afford them.

4. New Board Member Announcement.

Welcome Mrs. Donna Dodgen!

5. Review Minutes from November 8, 2012.

Motion to approve the minutes regarding the November 8, 2012, Animal Services Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Fennel motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Dodgen seconded the motion.

6. Update on Changes to Adoption Fees and Policies.

6 Month Trail Period:

The adoption fee below includes micro chipping, a booster vaccine, and a voucher to put towards the cost of sterilization. If the animal is already sterilized, the voucher may be used for other medical care such as a rabies vaccine, a heartworm test, or flea and tick preventative.

Dog/Puppy	\$100 adoption fee	Receive \$50 voucher
Cat/Kitten	\$75 adoption fee	Receive \$25 voucher

The adopter will agree to have the animal sterilized within the specified time period recorded on the voucher provided. If the animal is under six months of age, the voucher will be postdated with a specified date determined by an animal services employee based on an estimation of when the animal will be six months of age. If the animal is six months of age or older, an animal services employee will transport the animal to the veterinary clinic to be sterilized and the adopter is responsible for picking up their new pet and paying the remaining balances due after voucher is applied. The participating veterinary clinics also reduce the adopter's customary fee for medical services by 20%.

Participating Veterinary Clinics:

Crossroads Veterinary Clinic (830) 372-4521

Parkview Veterinary Clinic (830) 379-2170

Seguin Animal Hospital (830) 379-3821

Update: From January 1 through March 28, 2013, Animal Services has adopted out 42 animals. Twenty-five of the 40 animals adopted left the facility sterilized. In addition, 17 animals were transferred to rescue.

7. Discussion on Seguin Animal Services S.N.A.P.

Seguin Animal Services recognizes the need for an affordable spay/neuter program to alleviate this issue and thanks to *PetSmart Charities®*, the City of Seguin was awarded a grant of \$70,020. The grant provides funding and mentoring for high impact spay/neuter areas and focuses on owned dogs within the city limits where there is a critical need.

8. Discussion on the addition of outside dog runs.

The City is in the beginning stages of adding four outside dog runs to the north side of the shelter.

9. Discussion on Zoonosis Control Animal Friendly Grants.

The City is currently looking to apply for grants that focus on cat sterilization.

10. Discussion on Future Cattery Project.

Home Depot has agreed to remodel the shelter cat room. Remodeling includes:

- a. new wipe-able walls,
- b. new windows, and
- c. floor sealant.

11. Discussion on Adoption Event for Saturday, April 27, 2013.

ARF and Animal Services will have an adoption event at Central Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.